

Appln No. 10/527,348
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action mailed April 3, 2007. Claims 1-33 and 46-49 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 34, 35, 37, 38 and 45 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 34-45 are presently in the application.

On page 2 of the Office action, claims 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. On pages 2-4, claims 1-2, 4-8, 11, 13-20, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee. On pages 4-6, claims 3, 9, 12, 21, 23-27, 28-34 and 46-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over combinations of several references. As noted above, claims 1-33 and 46-49 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, the above rejections are considered to be moot.

On page 6 of the Office action, claims 34-45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 34, 35, 37, 38 and 45 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, these claims and the claims dependent thereon are believed to be patentable.

Applicant notes an inconsistency in the rejection of claim 34 on page 5 of the Office action and the indication of allowable subject matter on page 6. Applicant assumes that the rejection of claim 34 was in error.

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In view of the above, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and the allowance of claims 34-45. Respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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